

Minutes of the Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd Board Meeting, 3 February 1997, 172 Skye Road, Frankston

PRESENT: A. Gourley, D. Griffiths, R. Greaves, J. Neve and L. Wishart
APOLOGY: None

Minutes

1. That the minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting of January 1997 and be signed by the Chairman.

M: John Neve S: Richard Greaves CARRIED

Miscellaneous

The Secretary circulated copies of the following:

1. DPU 96-100 Section 11- Residential Consumer Perspective
2. Ellis, Mark Energy Co-operatives, Key Issues Conference 1996, 24 & 25 October 1996 at Sydney Hilton, Australia
3. Letter from Secretary, Co-operative Energy Ltd to White Paper on Sustainable Energy Policy with submission
4. Scoping Study: Executive Summary Copyright 29 January 1997
5. SEDA(NSW) Energy Efficiency
6. SEDA (NSW) Programs
7. Epstein, Nadine The Little Things Rural Electrification Magazine, Volume 55, Number 4, January 1997
8. Energy Co-op Development in the Northeast, 13 January 1997

The Secretary noted that two directors had provided comments on the previous draft of the Scoping Study - Richard Greaves and Bob Gourley.

Auditor

The Secretary circulated copies of a report prepared by Bob Gourley: Visit to Pobjoy Mulhall auditors on Wednesday 29/1/97

It was noted that the scheduled AGM for 3 March 1997 was dependent on the availability of the Audit by 17 February 1997 with its circulation within the required 14 days.

The Chairman said that he would contact Pobjoy Mulhall & Associates before the end of this week.

Membership Drive

The Secretary circulated copies of a report: Membership Drive.

It was noted that United Energy was interested in becoming a total energy provider, that it had expressed an interest in the Gas & Fuel Corporation, that it was selling mobile telephones and reduced telephone rates, that it was considering a duplicate telephone system using power lines and that it was promoting insurance on electrical appliances. It was noted that these interests could mean that a block of small consumers could be attractive proposition to United Energy before 2000.

The following motions 2 - 5 were moved as a block:

2. That we co-operate with the Waverley Trading Co-operative Limited in any initiative they undertake with United Energy.
3. That we undertake a membership recruitment drive with a focus on negotiating benefits for small consumers from United Energy.
4. That in preparation for this membership drive we undertake a survey of the 28 current members and 20 others who had previously expressed an interest in joining Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd.
5. That a membership pamphlet be prepared.

M: Lois Wishart S: Richard Greaves CARRIED

It was agreed that the questionnaire would be revised and circulated to directors for comment and brought to another meeting if necessary. Two additional questions were suggested:
Would you be interested in information on increased energy efficiency in the home?
Would you be interested in installing equipment which would generate its own power?

It was also noted that additional questions could include telecommunications, insurance and smart meters.

It was noted that directors would be allocated members to follow-up the completion of the questionnaire and to advertise the AGM.

Annual General Meeting

The Secretary reported that on 13 January 1997 he had mailed to directors:

1. Agenda
2. Second Annual Report 1996
3. Registrar of Directors

It was agreed that the Agenda for the Second Annual General Meeting should be amended to include the election of directors and an item for general business.

The Secretary reported that comments had been invited on the Second Annual Report 1996 but that none had been received.

It was noted that the Second Annual Report had failed to note the departure of Maria Imrei and Bridget Croft and the co-option of Bob Gourley.

6. That the Second Annual Report be adopted as amended.

M: Richard Greaves S:Lois Wishart CARRIED

It was agreed that the Chief Executive Officer of the Piccol Community Credit Union, Mr Rob Nicholls, would be invited to address the AGM.

The Secretary noted that the Financial Statements with the Audit were required to be circulated to members before the AGM.

It was noted that the Secretary would write to Maria Imrei regarding her removal as a director at the Board meeting on 25 November 1996.

NEXT MEETING: 7.30 pm 17 February 1997, 172 Skye Road, Frankston.

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